Easton on the Hill R.D.C.

Easton-on-the-Hill Rural District.

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Report of Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925.

Gentlemen,

I herewith beg to hand you my Report for the year 1925.

The district comprises the parishes of Easton-on-the-Hill, Collyweston and Duddington, and lies on the plateau between the Rivers Nene on the South and the Welland in the North. The villages in, on or near the road leading from Stamford to Kettering, which on leaving the former place ascends gradually and reaches a height of 300 feet above sea level.
The staple industry in the district is agriculture with in addition, slate quarrying and ironstone mining.

The area (in acres) is 6176

Population (Census 1921) 1510. estimated (1925) 1468.

Physical features and general character of the area.

Large areas of open land with a fair amount of woodland.
Number of inhabited houses (1921) 384.
Number of families or separate occupiers.
Rateable value sum represented by a penny rate. £9470 £26

Vital Statistics.

The number of births registered in the district in 1925 was 35, giving a birth rate of 23.84 per 1000 of the estimated population. The rate for England and Wales is 18.3

During 1925 15 deaths were registered as occurring in or belonging to the district. This is equal to a death-rate of 10.21 per 1000 of the estimated population as against 12.2 per 1000 for England and Wales.

There were 2 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, equal to a death-rate of 57.14 per 1000 births.

The health of the district during 1925 has been good.

General Provision of Health Services in the area.

There is no Hospital of any kind in the district.
At Stamford, which is close to, there is a General Hospital, which is open to receive patients from the district, and also attached to it are Fever Blocks for the treatment of cases of infectious disease.
This Hospital is maintained by endowments and voluntary subscriptions.
There is no provision in the district for the treatment of Tuberculosis, Maternity.
For Fever cases arrangements are made by which cases of infectious disease are admitted into the Stamford Infirmary. For these services the Infirmary receives a Subsidy from the District Council.
The fever wards attached to the Stamford Infirmary have accommodation for 50 cases, and Scarlet Fever, Enteric and Diphtheria are treated simultaneously.

For Small Pox arrangements are in existence in which the Rural District Council and the Borough of Stamford maintain and use a Hospital conveniently situated to all the districts.

There are no ambulance facilities in the district. All infectious cases are removed to the Stamford Infirmary in the Ambulance attached to that establishment. For non-infectious cases, there is available a branch of the St. John Ambulance Association in Stamford, and also one at Stibbington.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

General. Arrangements are in existence for the provision of professional nursing at home to patients in the district. They are altogether independent of the District Council, and are maintained and controlled by an Association which is supported by voluntary subscriptions.

For infectious diseases. There is no provision made for nursing infectious cases (Measles &c)

Midwives. Employment of, or subsidy to, practising midwives by the Local Authority.

Sanitary Circumstances of the area.

Water. The water supply of Easton is a conducted constant supply of most excellent water, and is available and used by the majority of the inhabitants. For a small number of houses the supply is from wells.
For Collyweston and Duddington the supply of water is obtained from wells.

Rivers and Streams. The villages in the district are so situated with regard to the rivers and streams that it is well nigh impossible for any pollution to take place.

Drainage and Sewerage. The drainage of the district is confined to the work of getting rid of surface water.

Closet accommodation. The tub closet is the type generally in use in the district. There are still pit closets in use which are steadily being converted to tub closets, and also a few water closets.
Scavenging. A system of Scavenging exists in the district and works very well.
Schools. The Schools in the district are well built, and in fine sanitary condition, and the water supply to each is good.

Sanitary Inspector's Report for the year 1925.

Total number of Inspections made for all purposes		960
" " " Notices served 3. Informal 3. Statutory 0		3
" " " Summonses issued		0
" " " Complaints received during the year		2
Premises Houses	No. Inspected	360
	Nuisances abated	136
Pigstyes	No. inspected	80
	Nuisances abated	30
Privies	Repaired	3
	Converted to Pails	3
	" " W.C.	0
Cesspools	Cleansed	12
	Abolished	0
Drains	No. Inspected	120
	No. of Sanitary Gulleys substituted for defective traps.	3
Offensive Accumulation.	No. Inspected	18
	Nuisances abated.	18
Infectious Diseases.	Houses affected	1
	Rooms disinfected	2
	No. of Inspections made	6
	School rooms disinfected	0
	Lots of clothing destroyed	0

There is no Steam Disinfector available.
Disinfectant used. Formaldehyde Vapour Lamps.

Water Supply.	No. of Samples taken for analysis	1

No. of samples found to be good	1
" " " condemned	0
" " " wells closed	0
No. of wells cleaned and repaired.	2

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Purveyors.

No. of Dairymen in District	18
" " " on Register	18
" " Inspections made	176
Results Satisfactory.	

No Licenses have been issued for classified or graded Milk.

Premises	No. on Register	18
	No. of inspections made	176
	" " " " during milking	82
	" " found to require (a) cleaning	6
	(b) Structure or Sanitary improvement	2
	No. of (a) and (b) carried out	8
Water Supply.	Drawing water from wells	16
	No. of samples taken for analysis	0
Bakehouses	No. of bakehouses in district	4
	" " Inspections made	48
	" " Nuisances found	0
	" cleansed and limewashed.	4

Housing for 1925.

No. of New Houses built during the year.	0
(1) Unfit dwelling houses.	
(1) Number inspected for defects	90
(2) Inspected and recorded under (Inspection of District Regulations)	90
(3) Found to be in such a state as to be unfit for human habitation	0
(4) Found to be (not in all respects) fit for human habitation	12
(2) Remedy of defects without service of Formal Notice.	
Number rendered fit in consequence of Informal Action by Local Authority or their Officers	12

(3) Actions under Statutory Powers

A Proceedings under Section 3 of Housing Act 1925.	
(1) No. of houses in respect of which notices were served	0
(2) " rendered fit by (a) owners (b) by Local Authority in default of owners.	0
(3) No. of dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders became operative.	0
B Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1) No. of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	0
(2) No. in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices. A. By owners B. By Local Authority in default of owners.	0
C Proceedings under Section 11.14.15 of Housing Act 1925.	
(1) No. of Representations made with a view to obtaining closing orders.	0
(2) No. in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
(3) " " " " " " " determined	0
(4) " " " " " Demolition orders were made.	0
(5) No. demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0

Slaughter Houses and Butchers Shops.

There are no Public Slaughterhouses in the district.

Number	1920	January 1925	December 1925
Registered	0	0	5
Licensed	0	0	0
	0	0	5

No. of Inspections during slaughtering	46
" " Carcases inspected and found go	154
" " Butchers Shops in district	5
" " Inspections made with satisfactory results	46

The Council have no Bye Laws.

No actions has been necessary under Factory & Workshops Act 1901.

Sanitary Inspectors Survey Report for 5 years 1921-1925.

Housing. Total No. of houses erected during 5 years 46 as follows. By Council under Assisted Scheme, Easton 24 Duddington 12. Collyweston 8. By private enterprise at Collyweston 2.

Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 46
Easton 24. Result 17 houses improved, 3 determined, 4 occupied by old couples.
Collyweston 13 Result 5 improved 8 determined
Duddington 9 " 4 demolished 3 derelict 2 improved.

There is no overcrowding or house shortage in the district. The health of the district has been very good. There have been 10 cases of Infectious Disease during the period, affecting 8 houses, 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, 1 of Enteric Fever. The closet accommodation of the whole is, with few exceptions Pail Closets. Collections of closet and house refuse are made by the Council throughout the whole district.

Water. There is a sufficient and constant supply of water from deep wells in Collyweston and Duddington. At Easton there is a local supply controlled by the Council and supplied from standards at various points in the village.

Butchers Shops and Slaughterhouses.

There are 5 Butchers shops and Slaughterhouses in the district. These are regularly and systematically inspected.

There are 18 Cow Keepers and Milk Purveyors in the district. The premises, Cows and Utensils are regularly inspected.

There are 4 Bakehouses in the district. These are regularly inspected and kept clean and limewashed.

No action has been necessary under the Factory and Workshops Act 1901.

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